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Carla [REDACTED]: my dogs ,

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I was just listening to you being interviewed on KFI and I wanted to share my experience with you. I live in San Pedro, have 3 dogs and have service through the DWP. A few months ago the utility pole behind my house was being replaced. This was a multiple day job and I talked to the workers several times but they never mentioned to me that they would need access to my yard. We received a note that indicated that the electrical service would be turned off for several hours while they transferred the wires from one pole to the other. I was careful to read the notice several times as I was concerned that they might need access to my yard but the note only said that the power would be off.

Imagine my surprise as I was getting ready to go out the door to work and my dogs start barking like crazy. I ran into the backyard to find one of the DWP workers cornered in my yard by my dogs. He explained to me that it turned out that they did need access to my yard and since my yard was locked they simply climbed over the fence which of course the dogs took to be an invasion. The only thing that stopped him from being bitten was that he had landed in our turtle pen which is separately fenced but I couldn't believe that this guy had so stupidly jumped our fence clearly knowing we had 3 dogs.

The guy was very nice and said that he thought my dogs were friendly and wouldn't hurt him but I felt violated and was very surprised that they would feel like climbing over a locked gate was an OK thing to do. Isn't that breaking and entering or something. I told him that they should indicate in their notices in the future if they actually need access to the yard rather than just breaking in and he just laughed.

What if I wasn't there and my dogs had bitten him. Could I have been sued...Could the dogs have been impounded or put down? It's just horrible. Glad you have taken up this cause. Good Luck!

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